

DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes

Monday
January 15, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at Evergreen Recreation Center located at 2700 N. Woodland. In attendance were (9) District Advisory Board Members. (2) City Staff. Approximately (11) were in attendance.

Members Present

Dick Rumsey
Bob Wine
Rosalie Bradley
David Pendergraft
John Cohoon
Maurine Willis
Bob Schreck
Annie Best
Bickley Foster
Terri Dozal
Sharon Fearey

Members Absent

Jaya Escobar
Kyle Irvin-youth
Florena Schneweis
Linda Matney

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and welcomed DAB Members.

Approval of Minutes

No minutes were submitted

Approval of Agenda

No approval of agenda was made.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No items were submitted

BOARD AGENDA

1. Re-establishment of Nominating Committee for DAB positions

Council Member Fearey discussed her first years serving on council the selection of DAB members was utilizing a Nominating Committee for some of the positions. Each Council Member did their selection differently.

Members asked the following questions or made comments:

- ☐ How many neighborhood associations are in the 6th District? There are 18 total, and some not active.
- ☐ How do we find more people to involve? Suggest we ask all neighborhood associations if they would like to nominate someone and give them an opportunity

- to be involved. We need to start a waiting list and get as many names as we can who would like to serve.
- ❑ Member Willis stated the nominating committee was very effective. A number system was used and points put candidates in order. Sherwood Glen neighborhood association supported her for DAB membership. The district map was used to see where all candidates lived and if the areas they would represent would cover the entire 6th district.
 - ❑ Resumes were sent to apply for qualification. If you didn't belong to a NA group who do they get support from?
 - ❑ Mooring HOA is not active, but they call Bob Schreck for assistance.
 - ❑ An asset to this group is all areas of the district are represented. Members are familiar with the area.
 - ❑ Lets see if we can gain new interest and invite them to participate.

2. Development of Agenda Items

Council Member Fearey asked members if they felt agenda items presented to the DAB were what they wanted to hear? The agenda item comes from staff and also Council orders some issues to be heard.

Members asked the following questions or made comments:

- ❑ Major issues (example: Fair Fares) should DAB'S look at? Fearey responded Contract negotiations are made in executive session. Purchasing property is done between the legal and finance departments. Committee forms to assist in developing the projects.
- ❑ Planning and zoning information is not distributed soon enough. We need a fair amount of time to get the info and possibly visit the area being discussed.
- ❑ Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) there is never enough time to review, we get one short look. Sometimes we want to delay our input for the next meeting and we can't. We want extra time to look at CIP.
- ❑ Also the Budget and the Comprehensive Plan we need extra time to review.
- ❑ We want final results of the planning/zoning cases. Follow-up
- ❑ Do planning cases go to Council? Do Conditional Use go to City Council? Only if the cases are appealed. The Council member may not always know an outcome. DAB and MAPC approved may not go to council
- ❑ People are criticized for going through downtown (city hall). Maybe if they would come to DAB more people would be aware of what's going on in their neighborhoods
- ❑ Appreciation for joint DAB meetings, they are helpful. Joint meetings for larger issues increase more education and are also better for staff.

The neighborhood assistant stated she would put the follow-ups of zoning/planning cases under the ***Updates*** section on the future agendas.

3. Communication - Your role as a DAB Member

Council Member Fearey asked members if they were getting what they needed to provide information to neighbors they were representing.

Members asked the following questions or made comments:

- ❑ We receive updated construction projects by E-mail for the district. This is very helpful. Also receiving the agenda by E-mail ahead of time is helpful. We can update neighborhoods by a written report to the Board Of Directors for the associations information
- ❑ We need a podium for presenters
- ❑ Start reviewing projects at 6:30p.m. before DAB meetings
- ❑ By-Laws - Weren't they set up as actually the DAB making final decision and yet we don't make final decisions.
- ❑ Review functions under By-Laws. The traffic commission was disbanded and they were different but could make the final decision.
- ❑ We need to be more careful on making motions and to whom we state making recommendations. Motion should *say I move to make recommendation to the governing body.*
- ❑ Traffic commission was a policy setting board, the commission made recommendations. They were very important.
- ❑ What is the role of DAB to Council Member or MAPC? Re-emphasize to staff.

Council Member Fearey stated in the last council retreat it was stated most DABS want MAPC to listen to them.

4. DAB packets - changes-improvements

- ❑ Neighborhood Assistant does a good job with DAB packets
- ❑ Okay to also send hard copies besides sending by E-mail.

5. Time frame of agenda items-how issues are chosen

- ❑ With large group discussions, we need to let the audience know what the next step is they can take. Let's place the scheduled date the item will go to MAP and include on the agenda.
- ❑ Franchising-discussion went way off course. **Council Member Fearey** cutting off was very well handled; you keep discussion on track and are not disrespectful.

6. Overall Evaluation of DAB

- ❑ Disappointment the DAB has not been really evaluated.
- ❑ League of Women Voters supposedly has done an evaluation of DAB, has anyone seen it?

7. Brainstorming – Accomplishments – District VI and the City of Wichita

Council Member Fearey asked members how they felt on issues that had been worked on and if they possibly needed more work or what is it you want to see done in my next two years.

Members asked the following questions or made comments:

- ❑ Residents who are willing to see issues accomplished should go through the DAB.
- ❑ More in fill projects will assist builders and neighborhoods, what can the city do to encourage this?
- ❑ Budget explanation we need more information.

- ❑ Subsidies to builders
- ❑ Flooding where homes shouldn't have been built and now the city is paying them money. Why?
- ❑ On our agenda we should have a Heading called *Problem Areas* instead of Problem properties. We need to continue to report ongoing problems.
- ❑ We need to see cooperation with staff working with the DAB.

Council Member Fearey stated Delano is moving along. Neighbors assisted with this process. Delano worked with staff and is now getting some improvements.

- ❑ Land use and working with MAPC.
- ❑ Rounds and Porter Building? What is being done with that? **Fearey** commented she would like to see a year round overflow shelter. It would cost \$200,000 a year to run one.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and file

2. **Problem Properties**

No items were submitted

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

Member Rumsey left @ 8:50pm

3. **Neighborhood Reports**

Benjamin Hills: Will host a Mayor forum during their regular March 4th 6:30 p.m. neighborhood meeting.

Sunflower Neighborhood: Will host a District IV candidate's forum on Feb. 7th at the Arc at 2nd and St. Paul at 7 p.m.

*******Recommended Action:** Receive and file

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WIN (Wichita Independent Neighborhoods): Feb. 4th they will host a Mayoral candidates forum at College Hill church at 7 p.m.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal
6th District Neighborhood Assistant